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**SECRETARY FOR RESOURCES MIKE CHRISMAN ANNOUNCES  
FUNDING FOR CALIFORNIA'S RIVER PARKWAYS  
Proposition 50 Funding Will Benefit Lake Natoma Trail Project, 19 Others Statewide**

FOLSOM, Calif. – Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman today announced \$757,800 in funding for a river parkway project near Old Town Folsom. The grant, made possible through Proposition 50 and the California River Parkways Program, will allow the City of Folsom to construct a 2,500-foot-long nature trail along Lake Natoma.

“Working to restore, preserve and improve watersheds benefits all Californians,” said Secretary Chrisman. “By enhancing this section of trail near Lake Natoma, the City of Folsom will allow this and future generations to better experience the natural world first hand.”

The nature trail will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and allow more unrestricted public access to the Lake Natoma waterfront.

“We are very pleased to accept this significant grant that will greatly benefit Folsom residents and visitors,” said City of Folsom Mayor Eric King. “These funds will allow us to create a lighted pedestrian promenade along the shoreline of Lake Natoma, to install a trail from the Historic District to Lake Natoma that is fully ADA accessible, and to improve access to the water for those carrying kayaks and canoes.”

In addition to announcing funding for the Folsom project, Chrisman also announced funding for 19 other river parkway projects throughout the state. Total funding announced today equals \$20.5 million.

The grants will be used by cities, counties, public agencies and non-profit organizations for the acquisition, restoration, protection and development of areas along rivers, streams and creeks. In total, the grants will fund more than 20 miles of trail creation or enhancement and more than 2,650 acres of wildlife habitat restoration and land acquisition.

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## **River Parkways 2008 – 2**

In 2002, California voters passed Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, that authorized the Legislature to appropriate funds to benefit river parkway projects.

The California River Parkways Program, a competitive grant program administered by the Secretary for Resources, awards funds to public agencies and non-profit organizations to develop river parkways in their communities.

The grant program was developed with the assistance of a technical review committee comprised of experts in biology, geomorphology, ecology, hydrology and flood control, recreation, and park management. The committee reviewed proposed project applications between January and March 2008 and conducted site visits in April and May, resulting in recommendations to Secretary Chrisman for these grant awards.

Proposition 50 funding is administered in three rounds, the first of which was awarded in June 2006 totaling \$38.5 million and benefiting 37 projects. The second round of funding was awarded in June 2007 totaling \$32.7 million and benefiting 35 projects.

All proposed projects awarded funding must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Funding for proposed project implementation is contingent upon satisfactory evidence of compliance.

To be approved by lead agency decision makers, the proposed projects may change as a result of the CEQA process. However, any changes to the proposed projects must continue to meet all the objectives of the River Parkways Program and be consistent with the intent cited in the original applications.

A list of the selected proposed projects, contingent upon CEQA compliance, is attached.

For additional information on the grant process, visit the Resources Agency's Proposition 50 Web site: [http://www.resources.ca.gov/bonds\\_prop50riverparkway.html](http://www.resources.ca.gov/bonds_prop50riverparkway.html).

**Attachment:** 2008 Phase Three River Parkway Grant Recipients

## **2008 Phase Three River Parkway Grant Recipients**

### **Anaheim, City of - Burris Basin Interpretive Loop Trail - \$2,500,000**

Improve public access on nearly two miles of the Burris Basin Trail, which connects to the Santa Ana River. Remove non-native plants and install a parking area with a restroom facility. Project also includes interpretive panels and trail amenities, such as a litter receptacle, benches, two nature observation decks and a split rail fence.

*Contact: Ms. Marty Desollar, External Affairs Manager, (714) 765-5092, mdesollar@anaheim.net*

### **Folsom, City of - Lake Natoma Waterfront and Trail Access Enhancement Project - \$757,800**

Construct a 2,500-foot-long ADA accessible nature trail and overlook area along Lake Natoma adjacent to Old Town Folsom.

*Contact: Sue Ryan, (916) 351-3360, sryan@folsom.ca.us*

### **Fort Bragg, City of - Otis R. Johnson Wilderness Park Enhancement Project - \$178,238**

Enhance 1,000 feet of trails to increase accessibility to Pudding Creek, restore six acres of habitat and provide visitor trail amenities.

*Contact: Cindy VanWormer, CMC, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager, (707) 961-2828, ext. 115*

### **Fremont, City of - Sabercat Creek Public Access and Riparian Habitat Improvements - \$1,173,960**

Improve public access along Sabercat Creek with a 1,250 foot trail connection to the Paseo Padre Parkway, including habitat improvements, biotechnical creek restoration and erosion control.

*Contact: Cheryl Golden, Communications Coordinator, (510) 284-4025, cgolden@ci.fremont.ca.us*

### **Los Angeles, City of - North Atwater Park Expansion - \$2,000,000**

Construct approximately 1,800 feet of biking and hiking trail, with native landscaping, picnic areas, scenic vista points and interpretive signage on approximately 1.3 acres along the Los Angeles River, linking an existing park and restored creek with the adjacent LA River Greenway and the surrounding community.

*Contact: Carol Armstrong, Ph.D, Project Manager, Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan, (213) 485-5762, Carol.Armstrong@lacity.org*

### **Marin Municipal Water District - Mt. Tamalpais Watershed Gateway Project - \$149,730**

Construct a 1,900 foot multi-use trail in the Mt. Tamalpais watershed along Lagunitas Creek and improve visitor amenities for fish viewing during spawning season.

*Contact: Libby Pischel, Public Information Officer, (415) 945-1421, lpischel@marinwater.org*

### **Mendocino Land Trust - Big River Main Haul Road Phase II - \$275,343**

Enhance eight miles of trail along Big River and provide interpretive signage for the estuary.

*Contact: Michael B. Miller, Big River Program Manager, (707) 962-0470*

**Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District - Napa to American Canyon River & Bay Trail Phase I: American Canyon to the River & to Green Island Road - \$1,032,300**

Construct three miles of Napa River / San Francisco Bay Trail (spine and connectors) together with interpretive elements near the Cargill Salt Flats.

*Contact: John Woodbury, General Manager, (707) 259-5933, [jwoodbur@co.napa.ca.us](mailto:jwoodbur@co.napa.ca.us)*

**Oakland, City of - Sausal Creek Restoration Project at Dimond Park - \$1,818,980**

Restore 745 feet of Sausal Creek within Dimond Park and reestablish 1.15 acres of habitat to improve fish passage, including a 300 foot interpretive trail for park users.

*Contact: Lesley Estes, Watershed Program Supervisor, (510) 238-7431, [lcestes@oaklandnet.com](mailto:lcestes@oaklandnet.com)*

**Oakley, City of - Creekside Park - \$1,067,550**

Evacuate Marsh Creek channel and re-establish the floodplain through grading and planting native vegetation. Create approximately 2,400 linear feet of trail and pedestrian bridge to link the Marsh Creek Regional Trail and the newly constructed Creek Side Park.

*Contact: Daniel Yore, City of Oakley, (915) 625-7015, [Yore@ci.oakley.ca.us](mailto:Yore@ci.oakley.ca.us)*

**River Partners - Dos Rios Project - \$2,650,000**

Acquire 1,603 acres (Dos Rios Ranch) at the confluence of the Tuolumne and San Joaquin Rivers for flood control, habitat preservation and public access to the Lower Tuolumne River Parkway.

*Contact: Julie Pokrandt, Development Director, 530-894-5401 X22, [jpokrandt@riverpartners.org](mailto:jpokrandt@riverpartners.org)*

**San Jose, City of - Guadalupe River Trail Reach 6 (Woz Way to Virginia Street) - \$700,000**

Construct approximately one mile of Class 1 multi-use trail linking the current Guadalupe River Trail with a 254-acre regional park in San Jose. Construct retaining wall, install interpretive and directional/safety signage and install split-rail fencing.

*Contact: Ed Bautista, Events Manager, (408) 793-4176, [ed.bautista@snjoseca.gov](mailto:ed.bautista@snjoseca.gov)*

**Santa Ana, City of - 17th Street Triangle Trail Access Site - \$187,000**

Convert a half acre parcel into a trail access site near the Santa Ana River. Project also includes restoring the riparian habitat and installing irrigation, interpretive signage and mile markers.

*Contact: Carla Thompkins, Management Aide, (714) 571-4222, [cthompkins@santa-ana.org](mailto:cthompkins@santa-ana.org)*

**Santa Ana, City of - Edna Park Trailside Rest Area - \$400,000**

Convert a half acre parcel into a trailside rest area near the Santa Ana River. Project includes planting riparian trees and understory plants and installing an irrigation system, lighting, seating and rest areas, bike racks and minor equestrian amenities.

*Contact: Carla Thompkins, Management Aide, (714) 571-4222, [cthompkins@santa-ana.org](mailto:cthompkins@santa-ana.org)*

**Solano County Water Agency - Winters Putah Creek Park Channel Realignment Project - \$987,988**

Restore floodplains and beaches on the north bank of Putah Creek and grade 1,000 feet of existing floodplain on the south bank to restore functional elevation and provide recreational access on both banks. Create 2,400 feet of a ten foot wide meandering trail for pedestrians and bicyclists, along with additional foot paths to connect the trail across the floodplain to the waters edge. Realign 1,200 feet of channel and fill three acres of a former gravel extraction site.

*Contact: Rich Marovich, Streamkeeper, (530) 902-1794, rmarovich@scwa2.com*

**Truckee Donner Land Trust - Perazzo Meadows: Little Truckee River - \$1,111,000**

Acquire 982 acres along the Little Truckee River near the town of Truckee for habitat preservation and public access. A trail head and two miles of trail will be installed in the future.

*Contact: Perry Norris, Executive Director, (530) 582-4711, perry@tdlandtrust.org*

**Ukiah, City of - Gobbi Street Riverside Park Development - \$810,000**

Enhance access to a 42-acre park and the Russian River by developing 2,550 feet of trails and restoring five acres of habitat.

*Contact: Katie Merz, Community Services Supervisor, (707) 463-6237*

**The Upper Sacramento River Exchange - Sacramento Headwaters Restoration and Trail Project - \$256,366**

Stabilize the degraded spring wall of the Sacramento Headwaters in Mt. Shasta City Park. Re-route approximately 2,000 linear feet of trail to prevent erosion, re-vegetate volunteer trails, and install amenities such as picnic tables and benches.

*Contact: Sandra Spelliscy, Executive Director, (530) 235-2012*

**Ventura County Watershed Protection District, Two Components of the Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Project - \$1,211,520**

Construct a trail head, parking lot and approximately two miles of equestrian and hiking trails. Remove approximately 21 acres of giant reed and other invasive plants within 174 acres of the Ventura River floodplain.

*Contact: Pam Lindsey, (805) 654-2036, Pam.Lindsey@ventura.org*

**Watershed Conservation Authority - Canyon Inn Acquisition Part of the Azusa River Wilderness Park - \$1,232,225**

Acquire approximately 26 acres (Canyon Inn Property) at the mouth of the San Gabriel Canyon to be included as part of the Azusa River Wilderness Park.

*Contact: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, (626) 815-1019 ext. 100*

